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SUBJECT: LOG EXPORTS TO JAPAN

1. FEB. 19 NIHON KEIZAI RAN PAGE ONE ARTICLES COVERING GOJ
DISCLOSURE THAT THE USG HAS RECENTLY DELIVERED A REQUEST FOR A REVIEW
OF JAPAN'S LOG IMPORTS. THIS REQUEST IS APPARENTLY BASED ON THE
EXPECTATION THAT LOG IMPORTS FOR 1977 WILL "FAR EXCEED" THE ANNUAL
QUANTITY--10 MILLION CUBIC METERS--PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BY
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORTS, THIS REQUEST WAS TRANSMITTED
TO AMBASSADOR TOGO BY FORMER STR DENT ON JANUARY 7. THE ARTICLE
THEN SAYS THAT NEWS OF THIS NOTIFICATION WAS AT FIRST WITHHELD
FROM THE PUBLIC BECAUSE OF THE MONDALE VISIT, AND THE ADVERSE IMPACT
THAT THE REQUEST WOULD HAVE ON DOMESTIC LUMBER AND HOUSING
INDUSTRIES.

3. THE GOJ AGENCIES INVOLVED-MOFA, MITI, AND MOA ARE SUPPOSEDLY
TAKING THIS REQUEST AS "TANTAMOUNT TO A WRITTEN WARNING" AND ARE
PREPARING COUNTERMEASURES. THE NIHON KEIZAI ARTICLE GOES INTO
FURTHER DETAIL ON THE CAUSES FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, DWELLING
PARTICULARLY ON PRESSURE FROM THE U.S. LUMBER INDUSTRY,
SOME SECTORS OF WHICH FEAR THAT JAPAN-BOUND EXPORTS RESULT IN HIGHER
U.S. DOMESTIC PRICES. THERE IS ALSO SPECULATION ON THE EFFECT,
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THIS NEWS WILL HAVE ON THE JAPANESE DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRS,
AS WELL AS OTHER TIMBER EXPORTERS (E.G. MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA.).
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